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## Not guilty plea entered by former MIHS Principal

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On Friday, August 13th Mark A. Fry, 39, of Gulf Port, Florida appeared in court for his arraignment hearing before County Circuit Court Judge Earl Schmidt. His attorney, James M. Shellow, advised that his client is pleading not-guilty to all four felony charges.

Another date was set for Friday, November 12th at 9 am., for a pre-trial and motion hearing. Mr. Shellow made a request for his client to not be

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## MISD open house set for August 25

By YVONNE M. KAGUATOSH  
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Some exciting new changes are in store for students and parents to kick off the 1999-2000 school year at the Menominee Indian School District.

One change in particular is an open house that will be held at all three schools from 1-7 pm on August 25.

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## Honoring Women as Lifegivers



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This year's theme for the Annual Menominee Nation Contest Pow Wow, Aug. 5-8, was "Honoring Women as Lifegivers." Above, women's traditional dancers make a round on the floor of the Woodland Bowl in Keshena during an intertribal song.

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## President signs Menominee Tribal Fairness Act

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A 45 year dispute between the Menominee Nation and the federal

government came to an end on Tuesday August 17.

The Menominee Nation will receive \$32,540,000.00 as compensation for the federal government's temporary termination of the tribe's

federal status years ago, under a bill signed by President Bill Clinton.

After lawyer fees, 15 percent or \$4,881,000.00, is allocated to tribal

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## Trace Adkins, Lorrie Morgan headline Menominee MusicFest August 28

KESHENA—Even though summer's end is approaching, the mercury continues to climb as MusicFest '99 heats the stage at Menominee Casino-Bingo-Hotel on Saturday, August 28.

This year's MusicFest '99 features Lorrie Morgan and Trace Adkins, accompanied by The Marshall Tucker Band, Sweetwater, and Pork & the Havana Ducks. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate.

The performance schedule is as follows:

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|--------------------------|------|
| Sweetwater               | 1 pm |
| Pork & the Havana Ducks  | 3 pm |
| The Marshall Tucker Band | 5 pm |
| Trace Adkins             | 7 pm |
| Lorrie Morgan            | 9 pm |

On Friday, August 27, Marissa Tucker, Thunder Country, Wolf River Band, and Branscombe Richmond & Renegade Posse will perform during the Menominee Native American Mu-

sicFest. Tickets are available at the gate for \$5.

Tickets are available at all Ticket\*Star locations, through the Menominee Casino-Bingo-Hotel, or by calling at 920-494-3401.

For further information on the Menominee Casino-Bingo-Hotel's MusicFest, contact Al Stachura at (800) 343-7778 or fax 715-799-1313. The Menominee Casino-Bingo-Hotel is located in Keshena, five miles north of Shawano on Hwy. 47/55.



Lorrie Morgan



Trace Adkins

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attorneys, the balance will be \$27,659,000.00.

The Menominee Tribal Fairness Act of 1999 passed the House and Senate earlier this month. The federal government ended the tribe's federal trust status from 1961 to 1973. During that period, the tribe's reservation became Menominee County and the tribe plunged into years of poverty and turmoil. Tribal land became subject to state taxes, and the tribe was forced to close its hospital and sell its phone company and power plant.

In 1967 the tribe filed a lawsuit alleging mismanagement of tribal assets by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. That eventually led to a settlement in the bill signed Tuesday. The lawsuit also helped prompt Congress to restore the tribe to federal trust status in the 1970s.

"Mismanagement by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the 1950s led the tribe to the brink of economic, social and cultural disaster," said Sen. Herb Kohl, the bill's sponsor. "The tribe will finally be compensated for the damages they suffered."

The legislation further requires that at least 30 percent of the settlement be distributed to tribal members. Menominee leaders agreed on a figure of about \$8 million for the 7,797 tribal members.

Menominee Tribal Chairman Apesanahkwat said every tribal member, regardless of age, will be given a share amounting to \$1,050 each. Checks should be mailed to tribal members by Dec. 1, the chairman said.

The remainder of the money will be put into an escrow account with possibly three endowments being created for learning institutions. Apesanahkwat said one possible use for the remaining \$19 million is a new courthouse. The Chairman also added that some of the compensation may be used to cover cost overruns in health costs, expressing his concern with health costs the tribe has incurred with many of our members who are terminally ill and incapacitated.

The Menominee Nation News will keep you informed as further developments are received by the governing body of the Menominee Nation.

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present, but the Judge denied that request stating, "These charges are pretty serious," therefore Mr. Fry has been advised to be present.

The actual trial date for charges of sexual assault on former students is set to be held on February 1-3rd of 2000, and will start at 9 am sharp on the first day, depending on the status of the trial at the closing of day one, starting times for the next few days will be scheduled accordingly.

## OPEN HOUSE:

The change was made by district officials to provide students and parents the opportunity to get acquainted with their teachers, classroom and school building. At the same time, students will be issued photo identification cards and will have time to fill out any necessary school forms such as, emergency contact names/numbers, immunization records or similar items.

District officials are looking forward to seeing parents and guardians accompany their students on open house day so bus service will not be provided. However, bus service will begin with the regular start of school on Thursday, August 26.

Another change that takes effect this school year is where students at different grade levels will be attending school. Students in grades K-5 will be attending the Keshena Primary School, while students in grades 6-8 will be bussed to the Menominee Indian Middle School in Neopit. This is the first year upper class students (grades 9-12) will be totally separate from other grade levels. They will remain at the Menominee Indian High School in Keshena.

It's an exciting change that will bring us into the next millennium.

On another note, the Menominee Collaborative Council, comprised of tribal and county officials, have been working with Dr. Larry Mazin, Ed.D. Dr. Mazin is a nationally prominent author and dynamic speaker on educational, managerial, and human resource issues. Educational institutions, corporations, and other organizations in more than 45 states use Dr. Mazin's programs.

An all day training session was held on June 23 at the Menominee Casino that addressed the challenges that face the Menominee community.

One project the council is currently working on will coincide with the school head count day on September 17. The 'Be There, Be On Time' concept was developed at a recent meeting. Council members will meet on August 25 to formulate an action plan for this community wide event.

There will be an update on this exciting event in the September 9 issue of Menominee Nation News.